UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

11-CR-264

JULIUS DeSIMONE, et al.,

Defendants.

Transcript of Rebuttal Summation regarding the above-referenced matter, held before the Honorable David N. Hurd, United States District Court Judge, at the Alexander Pirnie Federal Courthouse, 10 Broad Street, Utica, New York, on October 12, 2012.

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THE COURT: Testimony rebuttal summation, if any.

MR. GLEASON: Please. Well, folks, as I warned you this morning, you heard the facts of the case from the United States and you heard excuses from the defendants. Folks, over the last couple hours there have been a lot of excuses and there's been a fair amount of mud slinging at the prosecution and the investigation team.

Well, folks, let me go through and submit to you, ignore that. Ignore all of it. Concentrate on the evidence. The facts. The testimony. You'll get to the right place. There are a few arguments that were made by various defense attorneys that I do feel I need to address specifically, and I'm going to do my best to go through that quickly. I know you heard a lot of people talking to you today. You heard a lot of people bloviating for quite awhile so I will just make this fast if I can.

With respect to defendant Nicastro, well, first thing I'm struck by is the length to which defendant Nicastro is going to run away from his own grand jury testimony. It is his own sworn statements, and they're sprinkled throughout here, they're addressed in numerous places. First, Nicastro's attorney said, did

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anyone say that Cross Nicastro met with others? Sure. Cross Nicastro did in his grand jury testimony. He wasn't in every meeting. Quote-unquote. He didn't need to be, folks. He doesn't need to be at every single meeting but he's admitted he was at multiple meetings. Meetings where they discussed the extent of the filling, the money that was going to be exchanged, how they were going to go about doing that, the fact that they were going to use a bulldozer. All those things.

There's another question posed by counsel. Why wasn't defendant Nicastro invited to a specific meeting with Pat Stamato. Again, he doesn't need to be at every meeting to establish a conspiracy. I'll submit to you that the reason he wasn't at this particular meeting was because, as Patrick testified, the minute Pat Stamato saw him on site, he said to Cross Nicastro, "What you are dumping there is illegal." Mr. Nicastro got upset and stormed off the site. That's why he didn't go to the meeting.

Now, defendant Nicastro's attorney also talked to you extensively about the filling agreement. Well, the essence of the agreement between the parties here, folks -- again, I need to stress this to you. It was an agreement to illegally fill this site for the exchange of money, to make and save money, and the

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filling agreement itself specified that and I've noticed through the course of my career that when an attorney knows that their clients are incriminated by a particular document, they tend to try to adopt it as their own in closing argument and that's exactly what Mr. Musitano did here with Government Exhibit 18, which is the filling agreement. He stated, for instance, the filling agreement didn't say they were dumping for five years, even though it was a five-year term. Folks, read the contract. The whole contract was about dumping on the site. It didn't deal with anything else. What was the five-year period relevant to if not the dumping?

Likewise, there was a lot of questions about the analyticals. Everybody keeps claiming that there were these analyticals that were bouncing around saying the site was clean. The burden is obviously on the United States and we readily accept that burden, but the defense is free to put in whatever documents they choose. Where are the analyticals? These famous analyticals that everybody kept saying the materials were clean? They are not here.

Mr. Nicastro claims that he never knew there was asbestos. It's not what he's charged with here, folks. We have never submitted to you that defendant Nicastro knew that Mazza was going to be

bringing up contaminated materials. What he's charged with here is a Clean Water Act conspiracy.

Now, when the judge gives you the jury instructions, there's going to be a section on the conspiracy and the knowledge intent. There's a -- right after he reads the knowledge intent, we anticipate there will be a supplemental instruction dealing with knowledge as it pertains to the Clean Water Act and Superfund counts. Read it carefully, folks. Listen carefully. Talks about ignorance of the law not being an excuse.

Doesn't matter if the clean -- if the fill being dumped there is clean or not, folks. Doesn't matter if it was perfectly clean and if it looked great. Fact of the matter is, both Josh Frost and the defendants' own expert testified you still need an Army Corps of Engineers permit to fill the site if you were going to get into the wetlands. That's the fact of the matter, and that brings me to the next matter.

The wetlands. There was an astonishing comment made by both counsel with respect to their own expert. I'm not sure why and I believe the quote went something like, there were no wetlands on the site according to Mr. McMullen. Apparently we weren't listening to the same testimony. Mr. McMullen testified that the wetland boundary, documented by Joshua Frost,

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were accurate. That's what he said. And certainly, likewise, defendant Nicastro's counselor said, did anyone say Cross Nicastro agreed to fill wetlands? No, he agreed to fill the soggy areas on his property that contained the wetlands. You can call them whatever you want. They are wetlands.

Likewise, you heard counsel for the Mazza defendant say we slimed the jury. That's the direct quote. We slimed the jury. We threw dirt in the jury box because we said Josh Frost wasn't around, able to dig around in the fill pile -- pad deposited by the defendants. Josh Frost testified he didn't want to expose his people to the health risks associated with the asbestos pile. That's a fair comment. He didn't delineate this. Nobody did a field delineation on the actual fill pad. They had to rely an aerial photography. It doesn't matter.

The fact of the matter was, it was a five-year exclusive contract. They had nowhere else to go. Eastern boundary was already filled, all they could do is go west. Going west puts you into the wetland. It was a conspiracy to violate the Clean Water Act, not a substantive Clean Water Act count.

Mr. Nicastro's attorney said, quote, it's preposterous to think somebody would build a restaurant

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there. Could we please have Government's Exhibit 5-U. Submit to you, members of the jury, it's preposterous to think that somebody's still farming in materials that look like that. That's absolutely ridiculous. If he wasn't, what was he using the site for? Certainly wasn't agricultural anymore. Another excuse. You can take that down.

Someone told defendant Nicastro there was a permit. George Luther said there was a permit. Other people told him there was a permit. Well, folks, let me tell you. When I was in high school the excuses that got my through was, I don't know, I don't care, somebody told me I could do that. That got me through high school unscathed. Well, that's the same excuse the defendant Nicastro is using right now. Somebody told me it was okay. Somebody told me it was fine. Folks, it's his property. You're not going to go figure out if you have a permit to fill your own property, you're going to rely on words of somebody else? It's just not a good excuse.

He never got a copy of the fraud letter. That's another excuse that defendant Nicastro's broken. He didn't need it. All he cared about was billing the property and that's the portion of the conspiracy with which he's charged. He didn't need to be involved in every aspect of the conspiracy and the dumping started

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well before there was even a semblance of a permit on the property. As a matter of fact, before there was a permit, there were 310 loads dumped on that property, totaling 13,000,690 pounds of waste before there was ever even the notion of getting a permit.

Defendant Nicastro said he didn't make much money. Well, he didn't make much money because he got caught early on in this criminal conspiracy.

Regardless, he contracted to make a lot of money.

You're also seeing another common theme here. Blaming other co-conspirators. George Luther dumped there. So did Cross Nicastro. According to his grand jury testimony, he dumped at the site for more than 20 years.

Counsel said that George Luther has a cooperation agreement. That's actually not accurate at all. He has what's called a proffer agreement. It's a letter of immunity for one day and one day only. He has no other promises and it wasn't for his testimony here in front of you. He hasn't had any promises from the United States for years.

They're claiming Butch Luther's attorney,

Longeretta -- we keep hearing that name. Longeretta is

either completely inept or was complicit in this crime

and all the evidence appears to point to the latter.

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There's been unindicted co-conspirators. Through the course of this trial it sure looked like we have got another unindicted co-conspirator.

There is a question posed. Why would an attorney prepare a contract for his brother-in-law that's criminal? Well, first -- this is very important, folks -- they didn't execute that filling agreement until the dumping was already underway. They had already been dumping on the site for -- by the time they executed that contract. Longeretta prepared that contract to give this site the appearance of legitimacy and to maximize the amount of money his -- his brother-in-law was going to get.

Fair question that Mr. Musitano asked.

Why is Mr. Longaretta sending all these letters to DEP

after the fact? Letters that are inconsistent with what

Luther testified to. I submit to you that's because he

knows full well he's implicated in a Superfund site and

is trying to cover his own -- you know what he's trying

to cover. Besides, this is hardly the first time, folks,

an attorney has been implicated in a crime. Keep that in

mind.

Julius DeSimone. Lot of attacks on Julius DeSimone and don't believe a word Julius DeSimone says unless it's corroborated by other evidence. Mr. Musitano

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mischaracterizes what the plea agreement actually said.

If the judge lets it go back into the jury room with you, read it. Read the plea agreement, what his objections actually are and I'll leave it at that.

Mr. Musitano says Mr. Nicastro has always been -- been -- I think he used the word consistent. He's never concealed anything. I will agree he's consistent. He's been consistently guilty. He wasn't charged early on. He wasn't charged early on because there wasn't adequate evidence early on. Things develop over time in a criminal investigation.

What changed was sampling of documents, financial agreements, things like that that were gathered over time. That's why he got charged. Mr. Musitano said that Mr. Nicastro didn't conceal. Well, he actually did conceal because, as I mentioned, contract wasn't executed until after the dumping started. That was an attempt to shroud this site with sort of a cover of legitimacy.

Here's another fact for you; 98 loads were dumped before that contract was even executed and it totaled more -- it totalled close to 5 million pounds of waste that were dumped before there was even an agreement executed. If he really thought this was a legal landfill, why didn't he advertise it? Why didn't he put up a clean fill wanted sign? Why didn't he do that? He

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didn't.

And, lastly, Mr. Nicastro denied knowledge of illegality when he spoke to Mr. Derx. I'm sure we can all imagine Special Agent Derx's surprise when he heard the target of the criminal investigation was claiming that he didn't do it. It's probably the first time in his 15-year career that's ever happened.

Now, I will move to Mazza defendants and I'm going to try to deal with this all at once, that way speed things along. First thing I'm going to ask you, how many different people need to be lying for the Mazza defendants theory to be correct? Investigator Clarke needs to be lying. Agent Derx needs to be lying. Fulton Williams needs to be lying. Officer Schoonover needs to be lying. Brandi McPeak needs to be lying. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency needs to be lying. Ron Feehan needs to be lying, according to them. A lot of people that need to be lying.

They discussed asbestos at some length.

They discussed in terms of the CERCLA charge, the

Superfund count. They say at one point there's no direct
evidence that Dominick put asbestos in the trucks. Well,
that contradicts the testimony of Investigator Clarke,

Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Loffredo, Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams, who had a direct conversation with

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Mr. Mazza, testified they were consistently seeing hundreds of pounds in Mazza and Son's shipments. They likely said like DeSimone and -- and one point said Mazza material looked excellent. Well, that's in direct contradiction to what Brandi McPeak said. She said the material was routinely generated through the horizontal grinders and it was pulverized C and D materials. Likewise, Derx and NEIC talks about the condition of the materials. Next, like to move on to their arguments regarding the conspiracy. They ask the question, What evidence is there in this trial that there was an agreement? Well, again, look at Defendants' Exhibit 3-A. Look at the money trails here, folks. They all point to an agreement between Deck, Torriero, Marangi, Mazza. Defense Exhibit 3-A, Dominick Mazza thought this was so legitimate, look at the address line. The address line is to his site in Florida. He's a speed reader, he glances over it quickly. Look at the address line. He thought he was sending material to a site in Upstate

New York where the address line is actually to Florida.

How carefully did he need to read the document to realize

23 it was a site in Florida, allegedly on that particular

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Likewise, read the language of the fraud

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letter. It specifically prohibited what Mr. Mazza shipped. Likewise, Mr. Brickfield made a comment. He drew an analysis. The bank robber analysis. If a guy walks into your office and he's wearing a ski mask and he's got a machine gun and you stand up and you walk out with him and you go to the bank, you joined the conspiracy. Well, folks, I submit to you that's exactly what happened here.

Dominick Mazza was having trouble getting rid of material at his -- at his Mazza and Son facility. John Deck walked in, doesn't need to be a spoken agreement, they both knew what was going on. Mazza shipped -- shipped the materials based on that. He walked out with a ski mask on.

Likewise, acts of concealment. This was really still legitimate, if he really thought this was on the up and up, why are there so many acts of concealment? Mr. Brickfield got up here and waved around a Monmouth County filing. You didn't see him waving around the New Jersey DEP filing where the October report omits Tannery Road. You don't see him up here trying to explain away the two tickets that I showed you in the closing this morning and to Mr. Mazza yesterday. The scale ticket that lists Tannery Road and in the corresponding environmental form that says it's Pennsylvania. Didn't

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explain that.

Mr. Brickfield said it doesn't make any sense that you would conspire with people you don't even know. But apparently Mr. Mazza will contract with and just ship materials to somebody he doesn't even know, somebody he doesn't research? Likewise, we're now hearing a lot of argument now that -- where's John Deck. I'm going to -- let me -- I'm going to limit my next comment to the Mazza defendants.

Ladies and gentlemen, in this case, as the judge has told you, United States has this sole burden of proof, which burden we gladly accept. We have done that consistently. But just because the United States has a burden doesn't mean the defendants do not have the ability to call a witness if they wish, despite having no burden to do so. If they thought John Deck was going to help their case that much, they could have called him to testify themselves.

Likewise, out of all of Mazza & Sons employees, only Dominick Mazza himself testified about the type and size of the waste that was produced. If it was true that Mazza & Sons produced only waste inconsistent with what they found dumped illegally at Frankfort, New York, they could have easily called other witnesses to say so. Why didn't that happen?

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Bring you the obstruction. I think it was Mr. Zeller said why didn't they bring in the whole collection of these thousands of manifests? Well, you heard the investigator -- you heard the testimony of Investigator Clarke who spent days going through these manifests. They still want us to bring thousands and thousands of pages to you of irrelevant documents, stuff that we readily admit is completely irrelevant.

They also said that while the government had forms 1106 and 1109 -- listen carefully to Judge Hurd when he explains what the requirements are for obstruction. Didn't need to be a successful obstruction. Didn't even need to be a -- there didn't even need to be a likelihood of success. Just because it was a poor plan to obstruct doesn't mean it wasn't an obstruction.

Likewise, the investigator took two copies, DeSimone had another. There's one more left. At least one more because the copy they have was a photocopy, that says you -- that Mazza and Son Corporation was making photocopies of those documents as well.

They asked a question during their closing. Why do you hide something when you've spoken to the feds? That was a quote I believe from Mr. Zeller or Mr. Brickfield. Well, you hide something when you spoke

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to the feds because you need to substantiate the lies that you told the feds. Mr. Zeller commented New Jersey DEP can come on the facility whenever they want and I'm not sure what he means by that. Apparently it's New Jersey's DEP's fault they didn't go to Mazza & Sons to check and start comparing the documents that were already provided against what's in the Mazza files? That's what they're asking? They can't just rely on what Mazza & Sons is transmitting to them?

Make a comment that the government didn't tell you about South Plainfield. Well, the forms that correspond to South Plainfield are in a government exhibit. We did bring that to you. We did make you aware of it. Those documents were also turned over to the defendants in the course of reciprocal discovery. This wasn't a surprise.

As to the Superfund count, they pose a question. Can you say anything or can you say without any hesitation that those two piles belong to Mazza & Sons, Inc.? I'm going to go through this one more painful time. You have two law enforcement eyewitnesses. You've got the moments after the Mazza & Sons shipments were dumped, directed the drivers to go stand by the piles, took a picture, checked the back of the cabs to see if they were empty, took the manifests 1106 and 1109,

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and Mazza is still in here saying those aren't our piles. That's incredible, folks. That is absolutely incredible. And, likewise, lest we forget, Dominick Mazza told federal agents in October 2008 he admitted that he sent two shipments up there that morning.

Make a comment that Mazza doesn't grind his construction/demolition debris and that there's no grinders. Quite contrary. There's a photograph of one of those horizontal grinders. You've got a New Jersey DEP inspector talking about the fact that every time she went there, they were using grinders to put through things other than wood.

Sampling. They make a quote, the government wants you to infer that the whole load was contaminated based on one sample. We're not asking you to do that at all, folks. We don't need to prove the whole load was contaminated or the whole load wasn't. We need to prove one pound was asbestos. Just one out of the 80,000-plus pounds that were in those two piles. Sampling is more than sufficient complied with any NEIC standards, it's perfectly out of here.

They made a comment that Derx got seven samples wrong. This isn't a quiz, folks. This isn't a test. Special Agent Derx testified that when you go to a site, you're trying to characterize the materials, you

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take -- you want to know what you're dealing with. He didn't know what he was dealing with with a lot of those samples, so he collected representative samples. This isn't a test. This isn't a failure of Special Agent Derx. It was a -- it was actually a very thorough job to make sure they were getting samples of representative materials.

Likewise, their own witness, Jack Gall, said that transite becomes friable when it's put through grinders. That's the evidence. They pose a question. What evidence was there that Dominick Mazza knowingly shipped asbestos? Well, again, folks, we have been over this, Delaware Recycling rejections, they go to that. Fulton William said there were other samples that tested positive. Dominick Mazza was well aware of it and they are still trying to minimize it. They said -- during their summation they said, quote, despite their best efforts, occasionally they get a few pieces. Well, why is it Fulton Williams that's telling you they are finding hundreds of pounds of suspect material that he believes was friable at the bottom of shipments?

False statements. We will go to that.

You heard the story change again. During the testimony of Dominick Mazza yesterday he claimed no, no, no. I recanted and I told the investigator they were Delaware

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rejections in August before they showed me the documents and now you heard Mr. Brickfield back up and say, actually, they did show him the documents first. That story keeps changing, folks. Continues to change.

They also said Mr. Mazza is a, quote, very busy man. I'm not sure what that means, folks. He's too busy to tell the truth? He's too busy to be accurate when he's talking to federal agents? He admitted at the meeting with federal agents that he was aware of the November Delaware rejections. They didn't ask him about the sample. They didn't say, "Are you aware of sampling coming back?" They asked him specifically about if he had any loads rejected after October 2006 and he said no.

And you heard Mr. Brickfield say something completely inconsistent with the evidence. You heard him say that Dominick said he didn't know, he wasn't sure. That's not what he said. He made a definitive no, I didn't have any rejections after October 2006.

Lastly, I'm going to leave you with -during his testimony yesterday Dominick Mazza had no
explanation whatsoever for why it is documents going
under the environmental agency omitted the Frankfort
shipments. He didn't talk about that at all. He ran
away from that, folks. He didn't want to talk about that
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Road but again, folks, as I told you this morning,

Monmouth County forms say revised. They have no idea

when they were that was filed and it didn't go to an

environmental agency. Why isn't it the same exact

documents, folks? Why are they revising it? And that

comes to the common theme depending on what form, what

recipient, what they're doing about, documents change and

substance of what's reported to changes. That's the M.O.

here.

So here's the takeaways. Please, please, please disregard the excuses, the banter between the attorneys, the arguments. Focus on the evidence. fundamental agreement, folks, is to illegally dump for money and the landfill was illegal if it accepted clean fill in wetlands, if it had contained contaminated materials, if it was within 50 feet of South Side Road, if it was within a hundred feet of waterways, and last but not least, if there was any money being exchanged for the dumping, that was an illegal landfill and there was an agreement to make an illegal landfill. If any one of those are true, it was an illegal landfill; doesn't need to be all of them. Can be just one of those things. That's what the evidence showed in this case and, frankly, that's all that matters.

Defendants say this is important case.

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